GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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POLICY ON COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to replace the coal mining policy of 1979 with a new one which would allow State owned companies to undertake mining of coking and non-coking coal by both the underground and open cast methods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new coal mining policy will have any impact on the expansion and modernisation of various coal mines under the CIL;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the said policy is likely to be replaced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in parts (a) to (e) of the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question 226 for 13.3.2001.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the proposed mining policy have not yet been finalized by the Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The new policy exclusively addresses the issue of coal mining by the State Government undertakings or companies. State Government undertakings or companies will be allowed coal mining only in those areas which are not being operated by Coal India Limited (CIL) and for which 'No objection' certificate will have to be obtained from CIL.

(e) The proposal is under consideration of the Government and it will not be possible to indicate any time limit for a decision in the matter.